

within Southern Pines were named after the New England or other northern states whence came the early residents.

The first people came seeking a mild climate as compared to the bitter winters. Patrick touted Southern Pines as a health resort and many visitors spent seasons here for rest and recuperation. Some recovered and lived on in the area while the indigenous charm of the place attracted many new residents.

Southern Pines was incorporated as a municipality in March of 1887 and by 1890 the town had several shops and four hotels. One hotel was appropriately named The Patrick after the enterprising and original town planner. The young town matured during the early decades of the twentieth century. The most rapid early population increase and urban development occurred during the 1920 to 1930 period. It was during that decade the urban growth pattern focused on Waymouth Heights, Knollwood district and the Pinedene area.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Town of Southern Pines has had an unusual history of development. This has been the result of citizen involvement in the success of various ventures contributing to the overall pattern of land development. The fortunate aspect of having a town plan to follow in the beginning is unquestionably one of the major reasons for the town's present character of a delightful environment.

The residential development was originally concentrated in the vicinity of the railroad station, emerging along the tracks on Broad Street and radiating outward from the village center. Physically, this core was dependent upon railroads for transportation linkage to New England.

The gridiron pattern of streets were laid out quite wide considering they were designed for horses and not automobiles. Although these are still adequate in terms of width, the excessive number of intersections reduces safety by creating many points of possible traffic conflict.